

School Board Passes Motion Calling For Integration in New Schools Here

Contractor Is Starting Work On New School

The F. S. Cupp Construction Company of Washington C. H. arrived here early this week to stake out the site for the new \$304,773.32 Webster School and, by the end of the week, the project should be off to a good start.

Representatives of the architect firm employed by the school met with the contractor Monday afternoon to stake off the site. Work has started on the north wing of the new building.

Digging of the trenches for footers was expected to get underway this week. The contractor will use a backhoe for this job. A tool shed and office was erected early this week.

CUPP SAID that he hopes to have the four-foot footer completed in a few weeks and that the laying of bricks may be started in September. He would like to get the building under roof before cold weather if possible, depending on weather and supplies. He said he expects no great difficulties with material supplies.

Meanwhile, plumbing and heating men, under subcontract to Cupp, have arrived on the scene and work on the tearing out of old furnaces in the annex is to begin immediately. Boilers for the new furnace units have been on order for months and architects said they should be here shortly.

William Holmes and Robert K. Reuter have been assigned by the architectural firm to supervise the project. Reuter is expected to be on the job much of the time. He recently joined the firm after supervising construction of six schools

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SET FOR DRIVE—These three young ladies are folding letters which will be sent out next week in the emergency polio fund drive here. Left to right, they are Sue Horst, Lynchburg; Carole Smith, Cincinnati; Audrey Davidson, Hillsboro. (Staff Photo)

Fourth Annual Heart Clinic Is Scheduled

The fourth annual heart clinic for children, sponsored by the Ohio Heart Association in cooperation with the local hospital, department of health and medical society, will be held Thursday of this week at Highlands Community Hospital.

Approximately 35 children were examined during the clinic last year. Examinations will start at 10 A. M. and continue through the day.

Dr. Robert A. Lyon, Cincinnati Children's Hospital physician and member of the Children's Heart Association of Cincinnati, will again conduct the clinic, assisted by others from Cincinnati and nurses from the local health department.

SEVERAL HIGHLAND County physicians are expected to attend the clinic and discuss the program with Dr. Lyon.

Approximately 25 youngsters are expected to attend the clinic. Notices were sent out a few days

Demand Heard By Negro Group During Meeting

By official motion, the Hillsboro board of education is on record as favoring the integration of colored pupils from Lincoln School upon the completion of two new elementary buildings here.

This was one of the major results of a stormy session of the board Monday night at which a delegation of six colored residents, members of a citizens' committee, appeared to ask that Lincoln pupils be integrated in the other buildings this year.

The motion came after considerable frank and outspoken argument, resolved only when Paul L. Upp, superintendent of schools, who had not entered into the discussion to any extent, arose and made a dramatic appeal "for Christian thinking and action in this situation facing us."

Upp said he had recommended to the board of education two years ago that Lincoln school be abandoned when new elementary schools were built. He said he had never altered that recommendation.

"I HAD hoped that the matter could be settled compatibly," he told the delegation, "and I believe it would have worked out smoothly if Lincoln had not burned. The timing has been wrong. The existence of Lincoln all these years has been wrong."

"Now the eyes of the country are focused on Hillsboro and its problem. There has never been any great dissension here. Let us approach the matter in a dignified way on both sides, using Christian thinking and action. Let us pray about this thing, I say in all sincerity."

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Emergency Polio Fund Drive Will Open Next Week

"The staggering costs of patient care and a two point polio prevention program have created a crisis that only the Emergency March of Dimes can solve," Mrs. Virginia Layman, chairman of the Highland County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, declared today.

"That is why the special drive has been set for Aug. 16-31 in Highland County," Mrs. Layman said, "as a part of the nationwide emergency drive."

Softball Tourney Among 4-H Clubs Being Held Here

Opening round of the Highland County 4-H Club softball tournament was played Tuesday night at the county fairgrounds diamond. A fair-sized crowd was on hand for two contests.

In the first game, Hillsboro Future Farmers clobbered the Marshall Progressives by a score of 24 to 0. Cliff Vance was the winning hurler. He fanned eight batsmen. Losing pitchers were Rogers and Chesnut. The winners pounded out five home runs.

In the second contest of the evening, Brushcreek Livestock Club outlasted the Country Lads and Lassies in a six-inning affair, coming out on top, 22 to 11. Scott pitched for the winners. Donnie Wilkin and Tom Cloud were on the mound for the losers.

Two games were scheduled Wednesday night, Rainsboro vs. Dodson Pioneers at 7 P. M. and New Petersburg Junior Farmers against the Union Progressive Farmers at 8:30 P. M.

Semi finals will be held Thursday night, with the finals set for Friday. Ten teams were entered. Trophies will be awarded the winners.

Admission to the tourney is free. The event is being sponsored by the county 4-H clubs in cooperation with the Hillsboro Recreation Commission.

Games Thursday night will include Hillsboro Future Farmers vs. Brushcreek Livestock at 7 P. M. and Whiteoak Beavers vs. Hillsboro Livestock Club in the nightcap.

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The colored delegation said they would carry the board's motion back to the citizens they represent. They are also to receive a copy of the motion in writing for presentation to their group.

Earlier, the delegation had presented a petition, signed by numerous residents, asking abandonment of Lincoln now.

DURING THE heat of the argument, the delegation warned that "some of our children may enter your schools this September."

Rev. Abercrombie, pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church, asked the question of the board several times: "MUST our children go to Lincoln School?" The general reply was that the board could not order children to go there.

The group charged that the Lincoln School is in poor condition, that the standards are low and when the sixth graders enter the high school they are behind in their studies, that pupils from the East side must walk a mile or more to reach the school, that snow and wind blows into the building, that it is poorly equipped

THE BOARD refuted many of these charges, saying generally that the Lincoln School is in as good a condition as the other elementary buildings.

One of the board's main arguments in asking that intergration be delayed until the new schools are up was that the other buildings are definitely overcrowded now. When the new schools are completed, there will be more classrooms and more teachers to handle the pupils. The integration would work more smoothly and efficiently at that time, the board members said they believed.

During a business session before and after the hearing on Lincoln, the board took up several other matters.

A CHANGE order on the final contracts for Webster School was signed. Architects were paid the first installment, amounting to four percent, of their six percent fee, totaling \$11,000. The total contract awards, revised slightly from a previous account, amount to \$287,522, plus a total architectural fee of \$17,251.32. The total cost of Webster will be \$304,773.32

New lights for the football field are to be installed at a cost of about \$1,500. The fire department is to erect the lights.

Painting at the high school has been completed. Board members complimented the group of young painters working under Eddie Lucas for a professional-looking job.

Superintendent Upp said two or three vacancies remain to be filled on the faculty and he is in con-

tact with applicants for the posts.

Possible purchase of three school busses from Earl Robison was discussed.

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in West Virginia. At the meeting of these two men with the school board this week, board members urged constant and careful check on the project.

IT IS expected that the new furnace units, of an oil-burning type, will be completed in time



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